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Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with the National Phase Entry patent application. Prior to calculating the fees and examining this case, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks:

Amendments to the Specification: are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix including the substitute specification is attached following page 8.